

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 5, line 1, delete "or 4".

Claim 8, line 1, change "any of the patent claims 1 7" to --claim 1--.

Claim 14, line 1, change "any of the patent claims 9-13" to --claim 9--.

#### IN THE ABSTRACT

Prenumbered line 3, delete in its entirety and insert therefor --A routing manager that makes possible the--;

prenumbered line 5, change "invention" to --routing manager--;

prenumbered line 8, after "The" insert --routing manager--;

prenumbered line 9, delete "invention".

#### REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present preliminary amendment is submitted to place the above-identified application in more proper format under United States practice. By the present preliminary amendment the specification has been amended to include further suggested headings. The claims have been amended to no longer recite any multiple dependencies. The Abstract has also been amended to correct minor informalities.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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